

**James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, July 17, 1810.
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TO THOMAS JEFFERSON. MAD. MSS.

Montpelier, July 17, 1810.

Dear Sir, Among the papers relating to the Convention of 1787, communicated to you, that copies in your hands might double the security agst destructive casualties, was a delineation of Hamilton's plan of a Constitution in his writing.² On looking for it among the Debates &c, which were returned to me, this particular paper does not appear.³ I conclude therefore that it had not then been copied, or was at the time in some separate situation. I am very sorry to trouble you on such a subject, but being under an engagement to furnish a Copy of that project, I must ask the favor of you to see whether it

² See *ante* Vol. III., 197, n., for the text of the plan.

³ Afterwards found. (Madison's note.)

be not among your papers, & if so, to forward it by the mail.

I reached home on Wednesday last, and have since been somewhat indisposed. My fever has left me and if

as I hope, it was the effect of fatigue only, I consider myself as again well. I am not however, without sensations which make me apprehensive that if the bile was not the sole

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cause, it was a partial one, & that it has not yet been entirely removed. Be assured of my affectionate respects & best wishes